

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, April 3, 2017.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer. God of Service and Selflessness, we pray today for the men and women who serve our Commonwealth in and around the House of Representatives. We pray that Your Spirit of Co-operation will help build bridges among all who strive for the welfare of our citizens.

We acknowledge that such good will has not always been evident as we remember that, yesterday, April 2, marked the anniversary of the death of former Massachusetts Governor Joseph Dudley in 1720. He died in the town where he was born, Roxbury.

Appointed by Queen Anne in 1702 to govern the colonies of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, Joseph Dudley was one of the least liked men in Boston. A strong advocate of the controversial taxes imposed by the crown on the colonies, he frequently alienated himself from members of this Chamber.

The family name lives on with Dudley Street and Square in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston as well as the town of Dudley in Worcester County.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

Pledge of allegiance. At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Communications.

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EBT cards,— photo exemption. From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2(B) of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report detailing the number of recipients exempt from having a photo on their electronic benefit transfer card; and

Intervention and Targeted Assistance. From the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (see item 7061-9408 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2016 and Section 1J (z) of Chapter 69 of the General Laws) submitting the Intervention and Targeted Assistance Report for fiscal year 2016;

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Boston Arts Commission. Representative Collins of Boston and Senator Forry presented a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3460) of Nick Collins (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the composition of the Boston Arts Commission; and the same was referred to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Kelcourse of Amesbury presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James M. Kelcourse and Kathleen O'Connor Ives for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Pamela Dube, an employee of the Department of Developmental Disabilities; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Pamela Dube,— sick leave.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition of Bruce E. Tarr, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Danielle W. Gregoire, Michael D. Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to retirement benefits for certain veterans, came from the Senate referred, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, to the committee on Public Service.

Veterans,— retirement benefits.

The House then concurred with the Senate in the suspension of said rule; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2045) was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committee.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Higher Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 629) of Daniel Cahill and others relative to the public safety on certain college and university campuses in the Commonwealth,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security. Under Rule 42, the report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Campus safety.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kevin Blake, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 3452). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Kevin Blake,— sick leave.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,— Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Wednesday at eleven o'clock A.M.